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THE COLLEGE BOATHOUSE

One after another the Loyalty boats, Dr. Sykes' last gift to Connecticut College, have disappeared. Even though Loyalty '19 should be recovered, the college has no security against its being straightway taken again. The boats were too heavy to drag into the boathouse after every rowing class. They were necessarily left on the beach at the mercy of the weather and the tramps. Loyalty '19, after two years of this enforced exposure, leaked so badly that with a cargo of only four the water poured in through the seams, making the boat unseaworthy in the mildest of swells.

Rowing has always been a popular sport at Connecticut College. Recently it became impracticable, for no rowing class, however enthusiastic, enjoys soaking its feet for the whole of a rowing period in icy water. And now rowing has become impossible. This is a pity, for few colleges share our privilege of a river on campus. Yet they make the most of their little ponds, while we let the Thames ripple on without us.

The boats are gone, at any rate, and the most beautiful rowing weather is yet to come. Where shall we find boats to take their places? Dr. Sykes had the Loyalty boats specially built for our use. Still there are boats along the shore which we might be able to rent, even though they are conventional flat-bottomed fishing dories. And someone has suggested that Connecticut College should ask Yale for the loan of one or two of the shells

that are stored in the Yale Crew quarters a little way up the river.

But who would lend us a boat when there is every prospect of its being stolen?

The boathouse is an old shed, roughly patched and boarded up. There are six windows, partially boarded over. There is a door fastened with a padlock, which has often been shot off, and hinges that have often been pried off. There is a roof that was formerly waterproofed with tar paper which is rapidly detaching itself and floating away into space. A slight shower drenches the floor with puddles.

Inside are three canoes, at the present time. Canoes are not replaceable, since the canoe factories are manufacturing aeroplane parts for the government. To-day there are three canoes in the boathouse. To-morrow there may be none. No one can trace them, for the boathouse is entirely isolated.

Is there no practical method of protecting the boathouse? The suggestion has been made that a special guard be engaged to look after it. But there would be intervals between his rounds. Until the end of the season the canoes must stay where they are if they are to be of any practical use to the owners. What is to become of them? Are they to go the way of Loyalty '19 and Loyalty '20? And is rowing to be one of the few subjects excluded from the curriculum?

L'ENVOI

BY ALISON HASTINGS.

The thousand things I could not say
Before I crossed the sea,
Dear love, the words I could not speak,
And all you are to me;

The thousand dreams I could not dream
When Life for gold did dance,
Are Life to me, dear love, since Death
Became a dream, in France.

The thousand things I can not write,
The things that I would do,
Shall all be yours, dear love, when God
Shall send me home, to you.

Without the knowledge of the Editor-in-Chief, who was too modest to want her poem to appear in the News, the Associate Editors have taken it upon themselves to follow the example of "Poet Lore" and "The Literary Digest," in publishing Miss Hastings' poem "L'Envoi." We also take this opportunity to extend to her the heartiest congratulations of the News Staff.

OPEN LETTERS

[The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for the views expressed in this column.]

SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.

To the Editor:

Considerable discussion has been

taking place on the campus as regards the advisability and practicability of forming a press club at the college. With the appointment of a committee to formulate plans for the formation of a journalistic club the project has received a decided impetus with consequent proposals and suggestions from faculty and students.

A press club at Connecticut should be very successful. The material experience which a properly organized club could offer students interested in journalism should be the most interesting as well as the most practical opportunity offered to the students by organizations now existing in the college.

There are many students who by personality or innate ability are obviously fitted for the profession of journalism. Some of these students are beginning to realize the immeasurable opportunities of the cosmopolitan field and a half-conscious desire to avail themselves of its privileges; others are experiencing a vital need for expression of which they have not the means.

Journalism is the mecca to which youth can turn and receive in overflowing measure the rewards it holds forth to its chosen people. It fills the needs of youth as no other profession, it offers the means of active, throbbing, real living; the contact with men and women whom youth will always revere; and the experiences which lead to intelligent, kindly conceptions and sympathetic appreciation of life and the things of life.

A journalistic organization at the college should offer membership to students who are interested in press work and the membership should offer inherent advantages. Among the suggested advantages are the following:

1. Weekly meetings: discussion of fundamentals of newspaper technique, of words and phrases, of news and its gathering, interviews, social notes, re-writes, feature stories and correspondence stories. Books on the reserve shelves in the library to be used as a basis for discussion with supplementary selections and extracts from the daily papers.

2. News bureau: A news bureau, consisting of a chairman and two members, which after editing submitted stories would designate papers to which the articles could be submitted for publication at usual press rates. Each member should be required to submit at least two stories a month for publication and to report the result to the news bureau.

3. An Associated Press connection: To be arranged by the News Bureau.

4. Speakers: The Service League or the college should be asked to consider inviting Mr. Talcott Williams of the Columbia School of Journalism and one of the foremost journalists of the day to address the college body on the subject of the opportunities for college women in the journalistic field. A program committee of the press club should secure representatives from

New York, Boston, Hartford, New London and other papers to speak to the club on matters pertinent to the work of the organization.

5. Positions: Students desiring vacation positions on newspapers should be given the opportunity to obtain such positions through the efforts of the news bureau committee.

L. P. H., '20.

THE INFIRMARY PROBLEM.

To the Editor:

Connecticut College is a young and promising institution and her needs are many. As one thinks of her needs, such things as a chapel, a library, dormitories, an infirmary, and smaller items too numerous to mention come to mind. The question still remains,—but what does Connecticut College need most?

Connecticut College is in greatest need of an infirmary. This year our college has four classes enrolled with a total of about three hundred and twenty-five students, and there is no infirmary in which these students may be cared for in time of illness. We are in a very healthful climate and try to keep well, but it would be exceedingly unusual if the above mentioned number of students should go through a college year without any illness.

The present epidemic of Spanish Influenza brings sharply to our minds the need for an infirmary. In the case of a quickly-spreading disease, like the Spanish Influenza, what is to be done when about ten cases are reported and several new cases are being announced each day by the college physician?

The following incidents illustrate what was done in a similar situation. The greater number of the cases were in the three main dormitories. The doctor and the nurse were constantly kept on the move attending to the patients who were instructed to remain alone in their own rooms at the mercy of the doctor and the nurse until the latter could find time to treat them.

At last the call came for some one to take in hand the problem of feeding the invalids. This task was a tedious one for the dietitian, who had to go to the college kitchen to fill a basket with the necessities for doing her work, then go from one dormitory to another, each time repeating a proceeding that she would have had to do only once had the invalids been all together.

The difficulty of the task was finally realized and an attempt was made to better conditions. In order to better these conditions girls were asked to go to much inconvenience by moving from their rooms on the third floor of one dormitory and to live temporarily in the college gymnasium.

The patients were then moved to these vacated rooms. This was a great help to all concerned, but even this left ample cause for complaint.

An infirmary with about twenty

rooms, a large sun-parlor, and accommodations for the doctor and the nurse would do away with such conditions as we are now experiencing.

EVELYN BITGOOD '19.

WHERE, O WHERE?

To the Editor:—

Two years ago two classes, assembled at noon chapel in New London Hall, received with undisguised delight the news of a gift from their college president, Dr. Sykes. Connecticut College was to own two boats, suitable for longed-for races on the Yale-Harvard course, as well as for real rowing classes at college. But dearer far than the joys on the water, which the gifts represented, was the meaning of the boats. "Loyalty '19" and "Loyalty '20" were tributes to the loyalty of the two classes to their first college president, at a time of great trouble.

Soon an edifice was reared on the river-shore, one which, we were told, was the "Temporary" boat house. May 30 celebrated the first Connecticut College inter-class races. Picnics, up the river, down the river, across the river, and daily and nightly rows kept the two Loyalty boats in constant use, when they were not in the hands of the Physical Education Department. For the classes had offered the use of the boats to that department.

In the fall of 1917, three classes returned to college, to find the "Loyalty" boats much the worse for a summer of wear and tear. Someone had made

use of the boats during the long vacation—very careless use of them. Rowing classes were long postponed, while the boats were being repaired. But '19 and '20 controlled their feelings.

Upon our return to our last year of college, the Seniors found, not a more battered, but recognizable, boat—but no boat at all! Someone had, apparently, not only made use of "Loyalty," but made off with it! And in addition to the row-boat, a canoe belonging to a Senior had also disappeared.

Last Sunday the second Loyalty boat disappeared. The college now possesses no boats. Rowing classes have been changed to cross-country or some other land-sport. When students desire to go out on the water, they have to borrow boats from generous owners.

Connecticut College is not only much inconvenienced by the thoughtlessness of the strangers who failed to return borrowed boats, but she is likewise indignant that college property has thus been tampered with.

We understand there was a Boat House Committee two years ago. If the committee still exists, would it not be possible to have the members investigate the loss? Is there no way of insuring college property against such loss? And is there no safe boat-house where students may keep their private canoes?

Connecticut College approves of Physical Education. It approves of rowing and canoeing as an important branch of it. We possess an unusual opportunity for developing skill on the water. But if C. C. can not keep her boats, how can she become famous for rowing? What can be done about it?

N. J. W. '19.

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THE MESSAGE

Heartsease you gave me when you left me—

A single vivid flower of golden hue—
Between the covers of a book I pressed it—

Its twin I kissed, beloved, and gave to you.

Two golden flowers of memory and of comfort,

Heartsease for our lonely days apart—

Days when my lonely heart's sole consolation

Was the golden dream of your return, sweetheart.

And then one day across the hungry ocean

A letter travelled—worn, and soiled, and old—

And from it slipped a solitary pansy Of reddened gold.

Heartsease—all that I have of you—
A torn little flower of blood-red hue.

M. K. P., '19.

PUPPY SAVES WINTHROP

The ingenuity and skill of a member of the Junior class saved Winthrop House from untold disaster a few nights ago. While studying in her room at a late hour, the student was suddenly startled by the sound of voices outside. On investigation she discovered three men hovering about the house, under her window. Dismayed and helpless, she suddenly recalled a childhood trick that had won her the nickname "Puppy." Crouching close under the window, Puppy drew a deep breath and barked. The marauders instantly took flight, but the "dog" continued to bark until she was sure that the men were thoroughly off.

If the Junior class has not already chosen a mascot, they could hardly make a better choice than that of their own number. She has surely proven her value as a safeguard against evil.

THE BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

(Concluded from page 1, column 1.)

ing kept, and will be sent to you when the opportune moment arrives."

Now that the work is started, and well started, it must, of course, be continued. The Belgian girls to whom we have promised our help expect us to continue our help now. They need it still more this year than last. Did not the Commission for Relief in Belgium tell us in its official statement a few days ago that "the health of a large proportion of the population is undermined by suffering" and that "their powers of resistance are reduced to the lowest ebb?"

For four months, ever since last June, we have not sent anything to Belgium. The only check forwarded by us during the summer to the Commission was one for \$20.00 contributed by the Meriden College Club. Something must be done immediately. Money must be raised and sent to the Belgian girls who are counting on us. We intend to give a dance for the benefit of the Belgian girls as soon as the quarantine is raised. That will give us over a hundred dollars for the fund. But in the meantime? Must we offer the inducement of a dance or some other kind of entertainment? Could we not simply pledge ourselves to raise \$300 right now? That is only \$1.00 apiece. Is this too much? We know that there will be drives for the Red Cross and for many other war organizations, but does not charity begin in our own college? Can we compare our "sacrifices" with the real sacrifices of thousands of others? Shall we raise the \$300 for the Belgian girls we have promised to help? The writer of this article is willing to open the list with \$10.00.

Slowly and steadily Belgium is being reconquered. City after city is being abandoned by the enemy and occupied by the Allies. Soon King Albert and the Belgian army will re-enter Brussels. Then we shall be able to communicate directly with the girls we are interested in. We shall know them through their letters. Do you see that we cannot cut the thread that binds us to them? Do you see that now more than ever we must make them feel that when we promised to help them we meant it?

THE AA'S OF CLUBS

(Concluded from page 1, column 4.)

Sophomore.

Soccer—L. Batchelder (Blue section).

Wulf (White section).

Hockey—Williams.

Freshman.

Hockey—Bursley (Blue section).

Bellows (White section).

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FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Up until Friday, October 11th, the Liberty Loan total of Hunter College was \$375,000.

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At the Silver Bay conference, this year, 850 delegates represented 42 different colleges.

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At Hunter College and at Vassar, bureaus of occupations have been established through which a large number of camps, charitable organizations, and draft boards have secured help.

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Wellesley's Debating Club proposes a new plan this year. A series of meetings are to be held which are to offer training in conducting public meetings and in public speaking. Members of the faculty are to give assistance to the students in acquiring this knowledge. Vassar is working out a similar plan this year.

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It is interesting to note Old Vassar is contemplating enforced conscription to war work. We wonder if her plan will be more effective than ours of voluntary enlistment.

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Barnard has a quota of forty women overseas in various branches of war work.

Evidently it is Barnard's opinion that summer is not the only time to do farming. She has organized a Women's Land Living Camp which is at present engaged in harvesting.

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Rutgers has been fully established as an army camp, with its members enrolled in the S. A. T. C. It is rather interesting to observe how highly the Rutgers viewpoint is colored by this fact.

In the Rutgers "Targum," we see that we have at last a younger sister, the New Jersey State College for Women. It opens this year with an enrollment of forty-nine.

BLACK NOTES AND WHITE

A certain very attractive cut appeared anonymously in the first issue. Its title might have been "Concerning Kodaks." It was very much admired. Perhaps that accounts for the rushing business in films that Connecticut College carried on at Chidsey's Saturday afternoon.

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A bit of contemporary drama: The Doll's House falls in ruins about our ears while we vainly watch the macaroons and the champagne.

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Fire drills are the thing these days. We evacuated New London Hall in two minutes. The Huns are evacuating northern France faster than that, but then they are under fire.

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Ann Arkin's name was omitted from the list of the News staff. That was merely camouflage. Ann is very much one of the staff, and one of our foremost authoresses.

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No anonymous contributions will be printed in the future. We prefer to be able to refer to budding geniuses by name.

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\$1,172.85 was taken in by the treasurer of the Student Government Association on pay day. This method of setting aside one day annually for the payment of club dues, class dues, service league pledges, etc., has proved very successful. Payments are more prompt and less confusion results than by the method previously employed.

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The College Club of Norwich has awarded its annual scholarship to Miss Esther Allen '21. Miss Allen, who was also part winner of last year's scholarship, is to be heartily congratulated. The eager interest she shows in her work, and her high academic standing, unquestionably prove Miss Allen worthy of the honor.

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